FY14 May Quarterly Meetings - Follow Up

Escanaba

FY14 reporting for year end – what will this look like?

We are anticipating that your end of year reporting will be similar to your Mid-Year Report.

Allegan

How much will Strengthening Families be a part of FY15 work plan?

The application form will continue to request how and the extent to which the protective factors are addressed in the efforts of the GSC/GSPC and partners utilizing 32p Grant Funds.

Why is there no reporting on what the GSPC is doing?

We view the GSC and the GSPC work as intertwined and interdependent. Therefore when we are asking for a report on the GSC work we expect to see the GSPC work woven into those reports.

Would like to know if the 30% of funding for GSRP going to private providers will still be included in the potential funding for GSRP for 2014-2015 – Kalamazoo

The 2014-2015 School Aid legislation does indeed include the 30% expectation. In addition to including the expectation, the legislation also addresses criteria for meeting the expectation, potential consequences for not reaching the expectation and outlines the assistance methods for aiding ISDs in reaching the expectation.

What will the year end reporting look like?

We are anticipating that your end of year reporting will be similar to your Mid -Year Report.

How many of the Outcomes will we be required to address in our 32p application/work next year?

We are currently working on the application format for FY15. This includes the continued expectation that Outcome 3 be addressed and one other Outcome will be selected by the GSC/GSPC based on the needs of your community and your GSC/GSPC, but should be a different Outcome than what was addressed in 2013-2014.

The GSCs will continue to convene workgroups in order to ensure that the local great start system supports the community to achieve the four Early Childhood Outcomes and make recommendations about community services designated to support every child birth through 8 in achieving those outcomes.

There is also an expectation in section 32d of the 2014-2015 School Aid legislation that requires GSRP participation in a school readiness advisory committee convened as a work group of the GSC that provides for the involvement of teachers, parents, and community members to make recommendations to the GSC regarding other community services designed to improve all children's school readiness.

Could you give us some guidance on who, ultimately, decides how the EC Programming funds are spent? Is it the GSC as a whole (through an RFP process), the ISD (as the fiduciary) or the organization that directly supervises the GSC Coordinator?

Each local GSC and GSPC shall convene workgroups to make recommendations about community services designed to achieve the four Early Childhood outcomes and to ensure that the local Great Start System includes supports for children birth through age 8 in the areas of: physical health, social-emotional health, family supports and basic needs, parent education and child advocacy, and early care and education.

GSC as a whole determines the extent to which any on-going programming should be supported to meet the community's need for an evidence-based approach for those children most at risk of achieving the four Early Childhood outcomes.

Bay City

When will the 32p Work Plan format be ready? Hoping to have it in mind as strategic plan is being assembled.

We are currently working on the application for FY15. This includes what work with the outcomes will be required and what will be your choice to select based on the needs of your community and your GSC/GSPC. The application for FY 15 will be released no later than August 15, 2014.

How do we measure our outcomes while using the 5 Protective Factors?

Measurement of success towards the outcomes should focus on more than the Protective Factors. However there are resources and tool available for you to assess and measure the Protective Factors given that you meet all the criteria. More information can be found on The Center for the Study of Social Policy's Website, HERE.

Can we use our printed materials that have the old logos on them until they run out before spending money on new printing? How do we fund new printing?

We encourage you to use up the remaining items you have with the old logo as you have already purchased these items with the expectation that you will use these items fully make the transition to materials using the new logo no later than October 1, 2014. Funding for new items will need to be budgeted from your allocation.

Will the 4 Outcomes change if Governor Snyder is not reelected? How will our work change if they are not stable/or could change soon

The Office of Great Start does not anticipate changes to the Early Childhood Outcomes, as they are part of the Executive Order that created the Office of Great Start. They were reiterated in the State School Aid Act which provides the funding vehicle for the GSCs and GSPCs (32p). If Governor Snyder is not reelected, and a new Governor would like different outcomes, a proposal to reword 32p would have to be forwarded from the Executive Office, and the Executive Order would need to be rescinded.

Can 32p funding be used for 4 year old programming? (clarification regarding requirement versus encouragement not to spend on 4-year olds)

No 32p funds should be used for 4 year olds. Both federal and state funds are available for programs for the population that stakeholders indicated should be served with public investments in the <u>Great Start, Great Investment</u>, <u>Great Future</u> report.

We need money for transportation, can you help?

GSRP has identified \$10M for transportation statewide beginning with FY2015 (Oct 1, 2014). While they will assist in transporting GSRP children, the OGS will encourage creative and intentional increases in parent engagement to offset the daily contact that will no longer occur during drop offs and pickup.

The 32p funding can be used to support parent engagement in the GSC and GSPC. The needs and gaps identified by the GSC for EC programming allow the identification of evidence-based programming for children with greatest needs. Should the GSC determine that out-of-home placement in a high quality preschool program for children birth through three years is the greatest need, and the only way for a child to access that opportunity is through program support of transportation, the funds can also be used for transportation.